

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-17, and 19-30 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1, 5, 13-14, 17, 21, 26, and 28-29 have been amended. Claims 2 and 18 have been canceled. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been added. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 2, 5, 7-8, 10-13, 18, 21, and 23-28 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but have been indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter.

Claims 5, 13, 21, and 28 stand objected to for some informalities. In response, Applicant has amended claims 5, 13, 21, and 28 to overcome the informalities as suggested in the Office Action.

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 9, 14-17, 19-20, 22, and 29-30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,627,664 to Trisnadi ("Trisnadi"). In response, Applicant has amended independent claim 1 to include the features of dependent claim 2. Claim 2 has been indicated by the Examiner to represent allowable subject matter. Independent claim 17 has been amended to include the features of dependent claim 18. Claim 18 has been indicated by the Examiner to represent allowable subject matter. Independent claim 29 has been amended to include the features of dependent claim 18. Claim 18 has been indicated by the Examiner to represent allowable subject matter. Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1, 13, and 29 distinguish over Trisnadi and respectfully requests that the rejection thereof be withdrawn.

Dependent claims 3-4, 6, 9, and 14-16 depend from and further restrict independent claim 1 in a patentable sense. Dependent claims 19-20, and 22 depend from and further restrict independent claim 17 in a patentable sense. Dependent claim 30 depends from and further restricts independent claim 29 in a patentable sense. Applicant respectfully submits that, for at least the reasons set forth above with respect to the rejection of independent claims 1, 17, and 29, respectively, dependent claims 3-4, 6, 9, 14-16, 19-20, 22, and 30 also distinguishes over

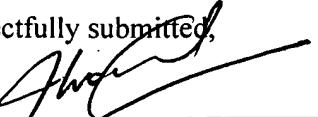
Trisnadi. Withdrawal of the rejection of dependent claims 3-4, 6, 9, 14-16, 19-20, 22, and 30 is respectfully requested.

In view of the above amendment, Applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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